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Announcement

TO: Superintendents and Charter Holders

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DATE: August 3, 2009

SUBJECT: **Opening of Period for Public Comment**

This announcement is to inform you of the opening of a period for public comment regarding the following action.

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is applying to the U.S. Secretary of Education for a one-year waiver of the Title I, Part A requirement for local education agency to provide parents with notice of public school choice options at least 14 days before the start of the school year (34 CFR § 200.37(b)(4)(iv)).

As required by federal law, the ADE must solicit comments from interested LEAs and the public regarding this action.

This waiver applies to schools and LEAs newly identified for Title I improvement, or schools and LEAs already in Title I improvement, based on the AYP evaluations released at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. If the waiver is granted, these schools and LEAs would not have had to inform parents of school choice options at least 14 days before the start of the school year. (Schools and LEAs must still inform parents some time before the start of the school year.)

This waiver would affect you if your LEA or schools are in school improvement based on the recently released AYP determinations and you did not inform parents at least 14 days before the start of your school year.

The deadline for submitting comments is Wednesday, August 12, 2009.

Please submit your comments to achieve@azed.gov or mail them to:

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